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CHEROKEE, FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: DOBRYNIN CALL ON THE SECRETARY

1. PAUL WARNKE AND I MET WITH DOBRYNIN TODAY TO DISCUSS
OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE WORKING GROUPS. DOBRYNIN INDICATED
THAT OUR SUGGESTIONS (WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN) SEEMED REASON-
ABLE AND THAT HE WOULD SEND THEM ON TO MOSCOW FOR FINAL DECISION.

2. DOBRYNIN ALSO GAVE ME A MESSAGE GIVING US NOTIFICATION
OF BALLISTIC MISSILE FIRINGS TO BE HELD IN APRIL AND MAY
WHICH I AM SENDING TO YOU SEPARATELY. DOBRYNIN ASKED THAT
WE TREAT THIS NOTIFICATION AS CONFIDENTIAL BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS. I THANKED HIM FOR GIVING US THIS ADVANCE INFORMATION
AND SAID THAT WE REGARDED IT AS A CONSTRUCTIVE
AND WELCOME STEP ON THE PART OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

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3. I ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF ZAIRE AND ASKED WHAT
INFORMATION HE HAD ON THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA.
DOBRYNIN RESPONDED THAT THEY HAD GONE BACK AGAIN VERY
RECENTLY TO ANGOLO AND HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE
ANGOLANS THAT THERE WERE NO ANGOLANS OR CUBANS IN ZAIRE.

I UNDERSCORED THAT IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH THE US AND THE USSR THAT THERE BE A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. I STATED FURTHER THAT WE SHOULD URGE RESTRAINT ON BOTH ANGOLA AND ZAIRE. HE SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH THIS.

4. HE THEN ASKED ME ABOUT THE DAVID OWEN MISSION, WHICH I DESCRIBED BRIEFLY. HE SAID THAT HE HOPED SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN SOON BECAUSE CHANCES OF RENEWED VIOLENCE WOULD INCREASE RAPIDLY UNLESS A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

5. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT YOU WOULD BE REMAINING AT YOUR POST IN MOSCOW. DOBRYNIN COMMENTED THAT WAS GOOD BECAUSE YOU ARE A GOOD CHOICE, A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT WHO KNOWS THE SOVIET UNION.
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